

In response to the Examiner's concerns, kindly amend the application as follows:

Drawings

Please note that Figures 19 and 20 are not exactly the same as 12 & 13. Figures 12 & 13 include locking groove 90 whereas this feature is not found in Figures 19 & 20.

We agree to remove one of the Figure 8's which appear twice. We request that this drawing correction be held in abeyance until the case has been allowed at which time we will forward amended formal drawings.

In The Field of Invention

- (a) The first correction (Page 1, line 19) requested by the examiner is not appropriate as the word should read "are" as submitted.

In the Specification

- (b) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 5 is a first end view of the multi-bit driver shown in Figure 4.--

- (c) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 6 is a second end view of the multi-bit driver shown in Figure 4.--

- (d) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 17 is a partial exploded perspective schematic view of an alternate embodiment of the multi-bit driver.--

- (e) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 18 is a perspective schematic view of the presently preferred embodiment of the bit

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cartridge of Figure 17.--

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- (f) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 21 is a partial cut away view of the presently preferred embodiment multi-bit driver showing the relationship of the bit assemblies and the barrel of Figure 17.--

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- (g) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 22 is a top plan view of the presently preferred embodiment of the multi-bit driver of Figure 17.--

In the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

- (h) & (i) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As best shown in Figure 11 once bit assemblies 100 have been assembled, they are loaded into barrel 32 as shown in Figure 11. Bit assemblies 100 are urged through cap end 60 of barrel 32 and are longitudinally aligned with an actuator channel 70 in barrel 32. In this manner, bit assemblies 100 are nested equidistant around the interior circumference of barrel 32 and in this case 6 bit assemblies are shown to be inserted into barrel 32. Note that preferably each bit assembly 100 has a slight angular bend namely angle theta 108 as shown in Figure 13. At connector 56 where tool bit 52 is connected with bit extension 54, the angle theta is approximately 20° which has been found to work best in practise. Angle theta 108 can range from 1° to 45°, however, the preferred angle is 20°. Angle theta 108 is incorporated into bit assembly 100 in order to keep head end 112 of bit assemblies 100 proximate the inner diameter of barrel 32 and to prevent tool bit 52 from impinging on one another while loaded in barrel 32. Angle theta 108 is also required to ensure tool bit 52 is aligned longitudinally with receiving channel 89 when it enters bit chuck 80. From Figures 3 and 11 you will see that assemblies 100 are installed into barrel 32 such that the head end 112 of tool bits 52 are projecting outwardly toward to the interior diameter of barrel 32.--

- (j) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Once bit assemblies 100 are in place, and fastened into place with knob fastener 74, bit guide 41 can now be inserted through cap end 60 of barrel 32. Guide 40 is connected to guide support 42 in such a manner so as to allow guide 40 to rotate independently of guide support 42 while threading end cap 38 into threads 62 at cap end 60.--

(k) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--With guide 40 in place, the bit extension 54 of bit assemblies 100 are in slideable engagement with guide faces 43 of guide 40 as they are urged along actuator channel 70. Guide 40 serves to maintain bit extension 54 in their proper position longitudinally aligned with actuator 70 and also ensures to keep bit assemblies 100 nested outwardly adjacent the inner diameter of barrel 32.--

(l) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In order for tool bit 52 to slidably and easily pass through receiving channel 89, collar 36 is eased off and/or threadably moved forward along bit chuck 80, such that tapered surface 84 does not contact steel ball 82 and is free to move upwardly within countersink 81.--

In the Abstract

Please replace the paragraph on the Abstract Page with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT

A multi-bit driver comprises a longitudinally oriented housing including a bit chuck at one end; a plurality of tool bits nested within said housing in a retracted position; and bit assemblies including tool bits and being operable to extend said tool bit from said retracted position to said extended position by a single longitudinal motion for selectively extending tool bits to an extended position and retracting said tool bits to said retracted position, such that in the extended position, said tool bits project from said bit chuck and are substantially longitudinally aligned with said housing. --

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